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Dear Hector,

It was a real pleasure to meet you in Corpus Christi, to meet the GI who jumped over the ocean to destroy the German army and liberate Europe.

I thank you for the books you gave me. When I look at the pictures, I remember these young guys who did not hesitate to offer their life, because they thought it was their duty to do it. Thanks to all of you and to your great country.

Perhaps you have started to read my book, "La Planète Dora", or its translation which, although not perfect, is nevertheless as close as possible to the french version.

I went to the States to try to find a publisher. It is difficult for two main reasons. The first is that in your country you think that only the Jewish people were sent to the concentration camps and killed by million. The second is that Wernher von Braun and Arthur Rudolph were the masters of the camp of Dora and they are the guys who shot the moon. Von Braun is now considered as a hero in the States and is shown as an example to the young generations. So, let's forget about Dora where, in 19 months, out of an average of 15000 inmates, 30000 men were killed (figure admitted by the Germans). In my opinion, 50000 would be more realistic.

You therefore understand why I want this story to be known. Dora was a slaughterhouse, probably the best of that kind, and von Braun was a bastard. I saw recently a TV program in New York, I don't know which channel, about Dora. A former Dora inmate, who lives in Washington, and who spent some time in Auschwitz, said something like "compared to Dora, Auschwitz was a real picnic place".

If, by chance, my book finds a publisher in the States, I will let you know immediately. I am now in Paris where I found tons of mail and so many things to do. But, after all, such is life. C'est la vie.

Best wishes.

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